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Washington, D. C. 20554
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OFFICE OF
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Mr. Calvin R. Hastings
President/General Manager
KTC Broadcasting, Inc.
P.O. Box 370
Cherryville, NC 28021

86-285

Re: Requests for Reduction of FY 1997
Regulatory Fees
Radio Stations WLON, WOHS, WCSL
Fee Control # 9709178835810001

Dear Mr. Hastings:

This is in response to your requests for reduction of the Fiscal Year (FY) 1997 regulatory fees for Radio Stations WLON, Lincolnton, North Carolina; WOHS, Shelby, North Carolina; and WCSL, Cherryville, North Carolina. Relying on the fees paid for FY 1998, you argue that the Commission overstated the populations served in its FY 1997 fee calculations, and that the FY 1997 fee for each station should be reduced to the fees paid for FY 1998.

Congress established the total amount of fees that we are to collect for all services for FY 1997 and our fee schedule was formulated to spread the burden of the total fee requirement equitably among the various categories of fee payers, including broadcast licensees. The FY 1997 regulatory fees for all radio stations were derived by calculating the populations within the daytime interference free contour of each individual station, which extends to areas outside of a licensee's primary service area. Consequently, as a matter of equity, recalculating a station's fee using a different formula or a different service contour for measuring population, would require recalculating the service areas, populations, and fees for all radio broadcast stations, in order to insure the Commission's ability to collect the required amount in fees and that all licensees are treated fairly.

The Commission is aware of complaints by licensees concerning the equity of the FY 1997 fee schedule, and it revised the formula in connection with the FY 1998 fee schedule to rely on city grade signal contours. However, the interference free contour was appropriate in formulating the methodology for calculating the FY 1997 regulatory fees because that contour represents the area in which listeners receive the station's protected signal. Thus, the Commission will not reduce, on an ad hoc basis, an individual station's FY 1997 regulatory fee solely because the licensee believes it serves a smaller population. Accordingly, your

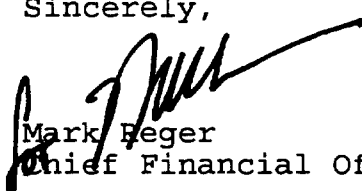
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requests for reduction of your FY 1997 regulatory fees are denied.

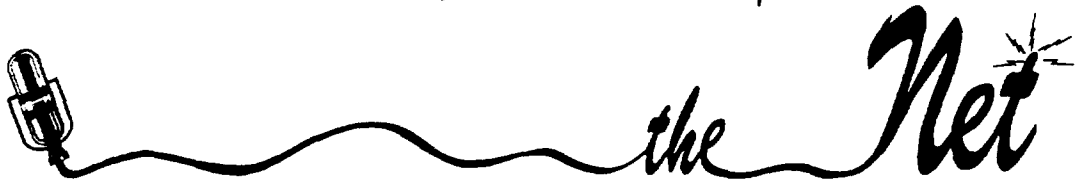
If you have any questions concerning the regulatory fees, please call the Chief, Fee Section, at (202) 418-1995.

Sincerely,



Mark Eger
Chief Financial Officer

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PIEDMONT SUPERSTATIONS RADIO NETWORK

9/21/98

Office of the Managing Director
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 450
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Managing Director

I would like to request a refund from our 1997 regulatory fees. The 1998 regulatory fees I can live with...however...I am still upset over last year's rate for our station. In your 1997 estimate for WLON you stated that our station served 374,000 people. Our city population is only 9,800. Our regulatory fee for 1997 was \$800.00. I feel this year's fee of \$400.00 is fair with a population of 35,396 served. I would like to request a refund of \$400.00 for last year's fees. We have paid this year's fee of \$400.00 as of September 18th, 1999.

Thank you for your consideration and you may contact me at 704-435-3297.

Sincerely

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◆ WLON

P.O. Box 430
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◆ WGNC

P.O. Box 1884
Gastonia, NC 28052
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◆ WOHS

P.O. Box 1590
Shelby, NC 28150
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Payment Transactions Detail Report

BY: FEE CONTROL NUMBER

Fee Control Number	Payor Name	Account Number	Received Date
9709178835810001	KTC BROADCASTING INC 1416 SHELBY HIGHWAY	FCC2042857	09/15/97

CHERRYVILLE NC 28021

Payment Amount	Current Balance	Seq Num	Payment Type Code	Quantity	Callsign Other Id	Applicant Name	Applicant Zip	Bad Check	Detail Amount	Trans Code	Payment Type
\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	1	MGH7	4	WCSL	KTC BROADCASTING INC			\$600.00	2	PMT
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\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	4	MGG7	4	WLON	KTC BROADCASTING INC			\$800.00	2	PMT
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